

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of any changes to the claims and the remarks herein. Please contact the undersigned to conduct a telephone interview in accordance with MPEP 713.01 to resolve any remaining requirements and/or issues prior to sending another Office Action. Relevant portions of MPEP 713.01 are included on the signature page of this amendment.

Claims 189 and 200 have been amended to overcome the rejection thereof under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

In view of the remarks herein applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of Claims 101-184 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mourou et al. in U.S. Patent No. 5,656,186 in view of Portney et al. in U.S. Patent No. 5,053,171 or Bennin et al. in U.S. Patent No. 5,160,823.

MPEP 713.01 states in part as follows:

Where the response to a first complete action includes a request for an interview or a telephone consultation to be initiated by the Examiner, ... the Examiner, as soon as he or she has considered the effect of the response, should grant such request if it appears that the interview or consultation would result in expediting the case to a final action.

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